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such calendar year. If the amount computed is not a multiple of 0.1, such amount shall be increased to the next highest 0.1.

Total benefits paid means the total amount of benefits paid from the Railroad Retirement Account and the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust in a fiscal year minus any benefit overpayments actually recovered during that fiscal year.

#### §206.2 Computation.

- (a) On or before November 1, 2003, the Railroad Retirement Board shall:
- (1) Compute the account benefits ratios for each of the most recent 10 preceding fiscal years; and
- (2) Certify the account benefits ratio for each such fiscal year to the Secretary of the Treasury.
- (b) On or before November 1 of each year after 2003, the Railroad Retirement Board shall:
- (1) Compute the account benefits ratio for the fiscal year ending in such year; and
- (2) Certify the account benefits ratio for such fiscal year to the Secretary of the Treasury.
- (c) No later than May 1 of each year, beginning 2003, the Board shall compute its projection of the account benefits ratio and the average account benefits ratios for each of the next succeeding 5 fiscal years.

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### §209.1 General.

Benefits under the Railroad Retirement Act are based in part upon an individual's years of service and amount of compensation credited to the individual under the Act. It is the duty of the Board to gather, keep and compile such records and data as may be necessary to assure proper administration of the Act. This part sets forth the types of reports employers are required to make to the Board and states the penalties that the Board may impose upon employers and employees who fail or refuse to make required reports.

## § 209.2 Duty to furnish information and records.

In the administration of the Railroad Retirement Act of 1974, the Board may require any employer or employee to furnish or submit any information, records, contracts, documents, reports or other materials within their possession or control, that, in the judgment of the Board, may have any bearing upon:

- (a) The employer status of any individual, person or company,
- (b) The employee or pension status of any individual,
- (c) The amount and creditability of service and compensation, or
- (d) Any other matter arising which involves the administration of the Railroad Retirement Act. Any person who knowingly fails or refuses to make any report or furnish any information required by the Board, may be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

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